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George Blackley, son of William and Elizabeth Callaway Blackley, was born Feb. 10, 1830, in England. He married Elizabeth White. She was born 5 July 1822, to John and Maria Christmas White in Egerton, Kent England. To them were born five children, one girl, four boys.

Emma, Thomas, Adolphus, William Lorenzo (Lorry), John George.

George came to Utah in 1869 and settled in Heber City. He was a carpenter by trade. He helped build the Stake House, school houses and many of the old homes in Heber. His own home which still stands at 421 East 2nd North was considered a beautiful home. He died 16 March 1902 at Heber and is buried in Heber cemetery.

Elizabeth White Blackley was baptized into the LDS Church 5 Jan. 1850 by Jacob Gates. The ice had to be broken on the water for baptism. It was just a few months before her first child was born. In 1866 she arrived in Heber with two children, Thomas and Emma. Adolphus had died on the way. The father and older boys came later when they had earned enough money for the journey.

When Elizabeth first came to Wasatch County she lived at the Davis ranch at Hailstone. She had been a dear friend of Mrs. Davis in England.

She was a tailor by trade and made many clothes for men. She also bound the tops of shoes and put the lining in them for the shoemakers. She owned a mandolin and she could play it and sing beautifully. She was also noted for her English puddings and pies. She died 10 July 1909 at Heber City.

WILLIAM JASPER BOREN SR. AND LUCINA MECHAM



William Jasper Boren Sr., son of Coleman Boren and Malinda Keller, was born at Peoria, Illinois, on December 30, 1837, and died May 16, 1900, at Wallsburg. He came to Utah in 1851 with his parents as pioneers, settling in Provo. His father was a wealthy

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man. They had plenty to start across the plains and helped many who were in need.

He married Lucina Mecham on July 3, 1859, at Provo, Utah. Later they were married by Jonathan Duke in the temple. She was the daughter of Moses Mecham and Elvira Derby, pioneers of 1850 with the ox-team company. She was born March 11, 1841, at Lee County, Iowa, and died June 12, 1925, at Provo. Both are buried at Wallsburg.

William was a Seventy and counselor to Presiding Elder William M. Wall of Wallsburg Ward. He was road supervisor and watermaster for 13 years. He served without pay and was a farmer and shingle-maker. He freighted between Fort Laramie and Salt Lake; was also school board member without pay. He was a veteran of the Blackhawk War.

In early life he was a cabinet maker and shoe cobbler. He was first counselor to William Wall and later worked in the Sunday School and MIA. Jasper bought the first surrey in Wallsburg and built many houses in Wallsburg.

Lucina remembers sitting on the Prophet Joseph Smith's lap many times when she was a child and saw the Prophet and his brother Hyrum after they were killed. She recalls how the dogs howled that night. She also made the long journey across the plains in the spring of 1853. They left the Missouri River with two wagons, one yoke of oxen, two unbroken yoke of steers and four cows. Her father had bought stolen oxen and the owner came and took them away, so they only had one wagon and the cows to come with. The Indians were on the warpath, but they were only stopped once by the Indians. The saints gave them food, although it lessened their supply but the Indians left. Buffalo were plentiful and at times the travelers would have to stop and let the herds pass. Three days from Salt Lake, her cousin, Daniel Mecham, met them with a load of food, for they were out of food.

She went to school whenever she could, for she wanted all the education she could get. Schooling wasn't so readily available then as now. They lived in Lehi and Provo.

Lucina learned to spin and weave and used Indigo for blue, cottonwood bark and mahogany bark to dye the yarn for a dress she wove and made for herself. She wove on shares also.

In the spring of 1864 they moved to

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Wallsburg, and endured many hardships. Lucina didn't like to see the children without an education, so she had them come to her home so she could teach them. She was the first school teacher in Wallsburg.

She made butter and put in salt brine. This Sister Brown took to Salt Lake and sold for her. Lucina would also make butter and haul to Provo to sell. She sold 200 pounds to a Midway man for \$70.

They had a terrible diphtheria epidemic, during which 23 children died in Wallsburg.

When Jasper became very ill with diabetes, Lucina tried ways to make a living for her family and finally decided to start a mercantile business, and did quite well selling produce to John Greer, later to E. H. Boley of American Fork, who was very helpful to her even though there was a glut on the market for these items. She bought groceries for what she sold, from Boley and sold in Wallsburg. Later she added dishes and granite ware, then shoes and Chipman got her to sell ladies and children's wear. She did well in her business.

In later years she studied music and was ward organist for six years, after she was 50 years old. She was midwife after her Aunt Polly Mecham died and delivered 503 babies besides all other nursing she did.

After her children were reared she felt free to spend time to do temple work, which she did until she was no longer able to. Her son Wilford completed a three-year mission to Germany and another son went on one. Lucina was president of the Primary.

William Jasper Sr. died May 16, 1900, at Wallsburg. She died June 21, 1925, at Provo. Both are buried at Wallsburg.

Their children: William Jasper, Jr., Samuel Leroy, Lucina Izora, Malinda Elvira, Moses Marques, Lorain Jane, Clinton C., Annie Marie, Alma L., Ida Viola, Sarah Minerva, Wilford Wells, and Polly May.

JOHN BOND



John Bond was the son of Stephen Bond and Sarah Clark (emigrants from England in 1855 and 1860—who settled in Heber in 1865), was born July 29, 1871, in a one-room log house with a dirt roof built of green cottonwood logs, which was built in one day with the help of settlers. He worked at herding cows in the hills north of town for themselves and neighbors for 2 cents per day for a number of years, doing odd jobs, gleaning wheat, etc., for feed for themselves and their chickens and pigs.

His father died December 28, 1875, leaving his mother with six children (four boys and two girls.) Father died of pneumonia from exposure as guard in the Black Hawk Indian War. He attended school beginning at eight years of age.

He worked as a boy on Heber Moulton's farm for three years. Then he learned the photography trade in Wm. Willes studio for one year at \$30. per month. Next he worked in Mark Jeffs store as delivery boy, clerk, and bookkeeper. It was there he met his wife Mary E. Jeffs, who also was a clerk. They were married in the Manti Temple by Anton H. Lund on May 24, 1892. He continued to work in the store and built the red sandstone house at about 55 E. 2nd No. St., in Heber, with the help of his wife, in 1892.

Henry Aird told him he thought he could pass the State Teachers Examinations and teach school, thus giving him the opportunity to get better wages. He did so and taught in Heber one year for \$40. per month. Wallsburg offered him \$60, so he taught there two years in a one-room log

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school house with 100 pupils enrolled, including two of the Trustees.

He was called to serve a mission in 1895 for the LDS Church to the Southern States, where he worked without purse or script until April 1898. Mary came in 1897 and spent five months as a missionary. After coming home, he went east and learned undertaking and embalming. On returning home, he practiced this trade until 1907, when he moved to Duchesne and homesteaded 160 acres. He stayed one year, and because Mary's health failed, they moved to Salt Lake City. He worked in Heber City as a carpenter for 10 years during which time he built the Heber High School of pot rock stone which Mark Jeffs had contracted.

He moved to Mesa, Arizona, in 1917 with his wife and eight children, and worked as building contractor and artist. Mary died from a stroke November 12, 1946. Children: John Wallace, Orvilla, Gladys, Velda, LeRoy, Emma, Mark, Ted, and Illa.

In 1947, he married Ezell Stephenson, a widow of Holden, Utah, who had four children, two boys and two girls. He served on stake Sunday School Board and as Ward Chorister for a number of years.

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The father of John Boss was a farmer and builder of homes. He, in turn, instructed his son in this craft and most useful profession. Later on, John Boss became proficient in erecting new homes and emerged into contractual work. He became a designer and architect of renown. There are standing today beautiful tourist hotels which he constructed.

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From his second marriage nine children were born. All were born at Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. The date of these children's births, as also marriages, and deaths are as follows:

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Arnold Boss, born January 12, 1894; married Annie J. Halladay, October 7, 1919.

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Silver Anniversary

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The children of James Moroni and Bessie Beatty Fish Carroll will honor their parents with an open house for their Silver Anniversary at the Senior Citizen Center, 100 West 100 North (Heber), Saturday, December 28, 1985, from 3 to 5 p.m. The event is open to all friends and relatives. There will be a short program from 5 to 6 p.m.

The Carroll's were married December 31, 1960, in Elko, Nevada.

Jim was born the fourth of six children on Sept. 19, 1921, to George and Sarah Casper Carroll, in Heber City, Utah.

Bessie was born the eighth of twelve children on April 5, 1923, to John Thomas and Eva Slack Beatty, in Toquerville, Utah.

Jim and Bessie are the parents of seven children: Leon Elliott Fish, Mesa, Arizona; Ashley Russell Fish, Salt Lake City, Utah; Jon Beatty Fish, Sacramento, California; Howard Martell Fish, Kearns, Utah; Raneva Fish, Kevin Lazell Fish, Heber, Utah; Catherine Carroll, Provo, Utah.

They have 20 grandchildren.

We feel that they have reached a fabulous milestone in their lives. NO GIFTS PLEASE!! Your presense would be the greatest gift of all.



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